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1. MTN DELEGATION HAS CONSULTED WITH NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATIONS ABOUT PREFERRED NONTARIFF MEASURE WORK ITEMS AND RELATED QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBGROUPS AT FIRST MEETING NEXT WEEK OF MTN NONTARIFF MEASURES GROUP.

2. JAPAN (MIZOGUCHI) SAID IT WISHES ESTABLISH SUB-GROUPS ON COUNTERVAILING DUTIES (AND RECOGNIZES U.S. VIEW OF SUBSIDIES AS INSEPARABLE TWIN), STANDARDS, QRS
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(ALTHOUGH GOJ MINISTRY AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY VERY

RETICENT) AND CUSTOMS VALUATION, WHICH JAPAN CONSIDERS VERY IMPORTANT.

3. EC (DUGIMONT), NOTING MEETING OF 113 COMMITTEE IN PROGRESS TO DISCUSS MTN, BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY PREFER PRIORITY WORK ON COUNTERVAILING DUTIES (AND SUBSIDIES), STANDARDS (INCLUDING PACKAGING AND LABELLING), CUSTOMS VALUATION, QRS AND IMPORT DOCUMENTATION, WITHOUT EXPRESSING ORGANIZATIONAL PREFERENCE. LACEY (UK) STATED TODAY THAT 113 COMMITTEE AGREED THESE WERE PRIORITY MEASURES BUT ALSO FELT CUSTOMS NOMENCLATURE NEEDS EARLY WORK. WE UNDERSTAND USEC BRUSSELS IS REPORTING MORE FULLY ON 113 MEETING.

4. CANADA (M. CLARK) WANTS IMMEDIATE CREATION OF SUBGROUPS FOR STANDARDS (INCLUDING PACKAGING AND LABELLING), IMPORT PROCEDURES, CUSTOMS VALUATION, QRS, AND ANTIDUMPING AND SEPARATE GROUPS FOR SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. RATIONALE FOR LATTER IS THAT SUBSIDIES IS BASIC QUESTION OF AMENDMENT OF GATT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS WHILE COUNTERVAILING IS QUESTION OF ADHERENCE OF ONE MAJOR COUNTRY (I.E. U.S.) TO EXISTING GATT PROVISIONS. U.S. DELEGATION EXPRESSED WELL KNOWN U.S. VIEWS ON TREATMENT TOGETHER OF SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND QUESTIONED ON PERSONAL BASIS WHETHER ANTIDUMPING IS RIPE FOR DISCUSSION.

5. IN TNC LAST WEEK, MOST DELEGATIONS MENTIONED AS PRIORITIES SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, STANDARDS AND QRS. NORDICS AND MOST LDCS ALSO MENTIONED IN TNC AND SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS CUSTOMS VALUATION, IMPORT DOCUMENTATION AND PACKAGING AND LABELLING AS PRIORITIES. SWITZERLAND (DUNKEL) GENERALLY AGREED WITH THESE BUT UNCERTAIN ON HANDLING OF QRS SINCE IN SWISS CASE (WHERE ALL QRS ARE AGRICULTURAL ITEMS) GENERAL ISSUE OF MTN HANDLING OF AGRICULTURE COULD EASILY ARISE ONCE AGAIN. IT ALSO MENTIONS QUOTE MARKING UNQUOTE AS POSSIBLY PRIORITY. SWEDEN WANTS SUBGROUPS ESTABLISHED NOW FOR ALL THESE MEASURES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO MEET FREQUENTLY AND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: INDICATION BEFORE WEEKEND OF U.S. PRIORITY SUBJECT PREFERENCES BEYOND MALMGREN TNC STATEMENT, AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONAL PREFERENCES, WOULD BE USEFUL FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MTN DELS.
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